

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT AND MANAGEMENT

In the context of its environmental management system, Grifols has an Environmental Program in place that defines the environmental targets and objectives for each business area.

Each company's Environmental Committee meets regularly to oversee compliance with environmental objectives.

Grifols maintains a commitment to minimizing and controlling the potential environmental impacts of its activities. The company's [Environmental Policy](#), which was approved by the president and chief executive officer, defines the performance guidelines for improving Grifols' environmental sustainability, and involves all of its employees in achieving this common goal.

With the objective of promoting appropriate environmental management, the primary production centers operate to the principles of the international ISO 14001 standard. The company continues the process of standardizing its management systems, and the project of increasing the number of production centers certified by accredited international bodies. In 2015, the centers in Spain already held this certification, and the Clayton, North Carolina plant was being prepared for certification in the first half of 2016. At the same time, the implementation process was begun at the Emeryville, California production center.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AT PRODUCTION CENTERS



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The *Corporate Environmental Manual*, shared by all production centers, unifies and coordinates the company's environmental management worldwide. It is the document of reference and conforms to the ISO 14001 standard.

Monitoring of the implemented environmental management system is performed at the environmental committee meetings held by each of the group's companies, with the participation of each company's management. Among other functions, the committees oversee progress on meeting the Environmental Program's goals, performance indicators, application of corrective measures, and legal compliance. A total of 19 monitoring meetings were held in 2015.

Key elements of the system are identification of, and compliance with, applicable environmental legislation, identification of environmental aspects relevant to the business, and development of necessary preventive measures.

In this respect, companies in Spain and the United States with environmental management systems already in place have specific procedures for identifying environmental aspects. During the design phase for new facilities and projects, the viability of applying available eco-efficiency measures is studied, and the environmental aspects of the future facility are identified. In terms of new developments and products, during the design phase new aspects that might arise are studied, with the goal of preventing and minimizing possible related impacts.

Grifols takes into account suppliers' environmental initiatives, such as ISO 14001 certification, and requests this information at the time of accreditation. This criteria, for example, is applied to freight companies for anything from plasma to end products, as well as to suppliers of raw materials.

Audits are also made of waste management companies in both Spain and the United States, and visits are made to facilities belonging to newly contracted waste management companies.



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PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR THE ECODESIGN OF NEW DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORIES

The Probitas Foundation, a private, non-profit organization founded by Grifols, launched the Global Laboratory Initiative (GLI) in 2010. The goal of this initiative is to support basic clinical laboratories in vulnerable areas to help accurately diagnose and then treat diseases that are public health concerns all over the world (malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS).

The experiences of the Probitas Foundation and Grifols Engineering teams at the already functioning GLI laboratories have revealed the need to incorporate self-sufficiency and sustainability criteria in these facilities so as to ensure autonomous operation and reduce their environmental impact.

In May 2015, the Probitas Foundation, with the collaboration of Grifols, Inèdit and Sostenipra, published the *Practical Guide for the Ecodesign of New Diagnostic Laboratories*, which establishes ecodesign strategies aimed at minimizing the environmental aspects most relevant to this type of facility, such as energy and water supply and safe and environmentally sound waste management. This was a way for the Probitas Foundation to highlight its mission of sharing experience, resources, and knowledge with vulnerable communities as an engine for change and social transformation.

PRIMARY SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES IDENTIFIED

